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EB/OT/GCP FOR STUART LYNN

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TAGS: GATT, AORG

SUBJECT: GATT SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES

REF: GENEVA 1623

1. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, DISCURSEMENT OF OLD 1974 "SURPLUS" SUSPENSE ACCOUNT OF 515,409 SWISS FRANCS IS AGAIN A PRESSING ISSUE. GIVEN THE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AMONG LDC'S AND OTHERS FOR DISBURSING ALL OR AT LEAST 160 THOUSAND FRANCS OF THIS AMOUNT (TOMIC PROPOSAL), THERE IS A REAL DANGER THAT THE OBJECTIONS OF THE U.S., FRG, AND OTHERS MAY BE OVERRIDDEN.

2. CLEARLY, WE NEED SOME DEVICE TO PERMIT THE ABOLITION OF THIS SUSPENSE ACCOUNT AND THE RETURN OF MOST OF ITS FUNDS TO THE BUILDING FUND, AS THE GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE HAS ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED. NEW BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FEIJ OF NETHERLANDS PROPOSES THAT WE AGREE TO ASSIGN APPROXIMATELY 50 THOU-

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SAND FRANCS TO THE EXISTING STAFF ASSISTANCE FUND. THIS IS THE MISCELLANEOUS WELFARE FUND USED TO ASSIST TRUE HARDSHIP CASES. FEIJ ALSO PROPOSES THAT AN AMOUNT IN THE VICINITY OF 25 THOUSAND FRANCS BE EARMARKED FOR SOME (AS YET UNDETERMINED) FACILITY IN THE NEW GATT BUILDING RELATING TO EMPLOYEE ACCOMMODATIONS. REMAINDER OF THE \$15 THOUSAND FRANCS WOULD THEN GO TO THE BUILDING FUND.

3. WE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THIS DEVICE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO KILL THIS ISSUE ONCE AND FOR ALL, BUT BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRY. HOWEVER, WE MIGHT WISH TO SUGGEST THAT EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS BY FEIJ BE ADOPTED, RATHER THAN BOTH.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE EXPECT TO ATTEND INFORMAL MEETING OF KEY MEMBERS OF THE GATT BUDGET COMMITTEE LATE NEXT WEEK AND THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY WASHINGTON AUTHORITY TO GO ALONG. SORENSON

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